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Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 1:52 PM
To: Kludt, Patricia (DPH); Han, Linda (DPH)
Cc: Connolly, Grace (DPH); Cheney, Sally (DPH); Cumming, Melissa (DPH)
Subject: RE: more ELC money

We actually have only been having conference calls every 3-4 months, or so. This is the first I have heard about \$\$ since our original e-mails putting Linda in touch with Amanda.

From: Kludt, Patricia (DPH) [<mailto:Patricia.Kludt@state.ma.us>]
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There are monthly conference calls about the meningococcal project with all the involved states and CDC, which Amanda facilitates. The money discussion has taken place there but we had not heard what the exact dollar amount was going to be. She probably just assumed that telling one was telling all.

From: Han, Linda (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 12:00 PM
To: Kludt, Patricia (DPH)
Cc: Connolly, Grace (DPH); Cheney, Sally (DPH); Cumming, Melissa (DPH)
Subject: RE: more ELC money

Thanks Pat. Not that this makes any difference at all in what the reference lab is going to do with their mening isolates – when CDC requests our isolates we will send them! I just wanted to make sure we got (or will get) whatever they were meaning to send to us. It made me nervous how Amanda Cohn mentioned the funding in an entirely offhand way. I had discussed with her earlier our potential participation in a mening drug susceptibility lab surveillance program, but had heard nothing back until she happened to remember to mention the funding (during a pertussis call!). lh

From: Kludt, Patricia (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 8:50 AM
To: Han, Linda (DPH)
Cc: Cumming, Melissa (DPH); McNamara, Ann (DPH); Cheney, Sally (DPH)
Subject: more ELC money

Thanks for the news, Linda, about the ELC meningococcal money. Since the dollar figure you mentioned (\$7000 or \$7500 – already can't remember which one you quoted me) does not match the last notice we got from them, I am assuming this is a new award.

By way of explanation, the epi program has been involved for a few years now on a project with CDC to look at the effectiveness of the meningococcal vaccine. Whenever we have a case of meningococcal disease in a certain age group with a serogroup that is found in the vaccine, we administer a lengthy questionnaire to the case and controls that we try to identify with the case's assistance. With so few cases occurring, it has been a difficult project for CDC to complete and last year they found some money which was then funneled through ELC to the states who are participating in the project, somewhat according to the number of cases each state had. I think we wound up with around \$4000. We heard that similar money was available this year but had not heard how much. It looks like we got a raise.

This money is really not earmarked for anything in particular and I am not sure where they put it but it is a thank you for our participation and an incentive to keep us participating. I assume it will go into the general pot of ELC money and we will all access it according to our needs.

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